

Marine Expeditionary Unit/Non-Lethal Weapon (NLW) Capability Set

Description

The Non-Lethal Weapon (NLW) Capability Set is a well-rounded, versatile package comprised of Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) and Government Off-the-Shelf (GOTS) non-lethal equipment and munitions. The set enables the Marine Corps to effectively control the non-traditional battlefield within the constraints of the Rules of Engagement (ROE). Non-Lethal Weapons Capability Set (NLWCS) components are explicitly designed and primarily employed to incapacitate personnel or material, while minimizing fatalities or permanent injury to intended targets and collateral damage to property and the environment. NLWCS are most applicable in Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW). The set's contents can be divided into four distinct categories: personnel protectors; personnel and material effectors; mission enhancers; and training devices. There are 35 items contained in the set, providing body protective equipment, specialty ammunition, sprays and high intensity lights.

Operational Impact

The NLW Capability Set provides Marines the appropriate weapons, munitions, and equipment to employ a range of non-lethal operations short of deadly force. The addition of NLW Capability Sets to the MEF is intended to augment existing lethal capabilities.

Program Status

As of Oct 2001, 36 NLW Capability Sets have been fielded. While initial fielding has been completed, older sets are currently undergoing refurbishment to bring them up to the standards set for the USMC.



Procurement Profile	FY02	FY03
Quantity:	0	0

Note: The set contains numerous components and are replaced or upgrade as needed.

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